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SUBJECT: SECVISIT - LATIN AMERICA: ADMINISTRATIVE
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PARA 4 A ACCOMMODATIONS:

AMBASSADOR RECOMMENDS THAT SECRETARY AND MRS. ROGERS AND
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THIS WOULD LEAVE ROOM AVAILABLE FOR WORKING PURPOSES AND
SECURITY PERSONNEL BUT NO ADDITIONAL BEDROOMS AVAILABLE
FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF WASHINGTON PARTY.

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PARA 4 C: WILL DO OUR BEST TO OBTAIN AND CABLE HOTEL ROOM NUMBERS IN ADVANCE BUT THIS RUNS COUNTER TO LOCAL HOTEL KEEPERS' INSTINCTS AND WE HAVE ENOUNTERED GREAT DIFFICULTY OBTAINING SUCH INFO ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

PARA 4 F: AVERAGE HOTEL COST FOR SINGLE ROOMS \$21 PER DAY, DOUBLE ROOMS \$26 PER DAY, SMALL SUITE \$42 PER DAY, AND REGULAR SUITE \$51 PER DAY. AVERAGE MEAL (LUNCHEON, DINNER) COSTS APPROXIMATELY \$6. - \$9.

PARA 5 A: GROUND TRANSPORTATION:

EXCEPT FOR INDIVIDUALLY ASSIGNED CARS AS SPECIFIED REFTTEL, ASSUME NO OBJECTION USING SMALL BUS FOR TRANSPORT REST OF GROUP FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL AND FROM HOTEL TO AIRPORT.

PARA 5 B: PROVISION OF LOCAL TRANSPORTATION BY HOST GOVERNMENT NOT YET KNOWN, BUT WILL BE REPORTED SOON AS AVAILABLE.

PARA 5 D DRIVING TIMES:

ASSUMING " NORMAL" TRAFFIC, FOLLOWING ARE ESTIMATED DRIVING TIMES PERTINENT TO SECRETARY' S ANTICIPATED PROGRAM:

- (1) AIRPORT TO HOTEL TAMANACO - 45 MINUTES;
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PARA 7 B COMMUNICATIONS: BOTH AP AND UPI HAVE AGREED MAK TICKERTAPE AVAILABLE AT NO COST.

PARA 10 A GIFTS:

FSO SUZANNE BUTCHER DESIGNATED GIFT OFFICER.

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ELIMINATED BY TIME OF VISIT. IF NOT, BELIEVE WE CAN
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PARA 11 D: RAINY SEASON JUST BEGINNING BUT DAILY RAIN
BY NO MEANS CERTAIN. TEMPERATURES CAN BE EXPECTED TO
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